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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-45 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the claims:
 nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* 1-30 received by this Authority on 05.11.2005 with letter of 03.11.2005
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the drawings:
 sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 – 30	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1 – 30	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 – 30	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. The subject matter of the claims is novel over the documents cited in the search report (PCT Article 33(2)). None of the prior art citations discloses cosmetic or pharmaceutical agents based on a copolymer that must contain tert.-butyl acrylate and acrylic acid in addition to a monomer containing an amide group.
2. The subject matter of the claims does not involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

It is clear from the claims of D1 (DE-A-43 14 305) that the monomer composition of the copolymers cited therein can be extensively varied. The mere selection of the monomers according to the present claim 1 (tert.-butyl acrylate + an acrylamide + acrylic acid) does not involve an inventive step since it would be expected that in any selection within the context of D1 the corresponding copolymers would be suitable for use in haircare agents.

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The same also applies in respect of D4 (US-A-3 927 199) and in particular of D5 (US-A-4 748 989). The table in D5 gives various acrylamides as monomers, in addition to tert.-butyl acrylate and acrylic acid. The fact that, by chance, the table does not include any example with the combination of monomers as per the application might support novelty, but not the presence of an inventive step.

The present claim 1 is not directed to hairsprays but to cosmetic and pharmaceutical agents in general. According to the description, if the copolymers show any effect that originates from the monomer composition, said effect should relate only to hairsprays and not to cosmetic agents in general. What effect should be shown by which specific pharmaceutical agents is not clear from the application as originally submitted.

3. Industrial applicability (PCT Article 33(4)) is acknowledged.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

1. In claim 1 and claims 19-21, which refer back to claim 1, the alternative tert.-butyl acrylate "and/or" tert.-butyl methacrylate is given. The "or" option should be omitted in view of the amendments made in said claims (PCT Article 6).